

House Bill 380

By: Representative Lane of the 167<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate of McIntosh County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

All elections for the office of chief magistrate of McIntosh County conducted after January 1, 2006, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

**SECTION 2.**

Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the chief magistrate of McIntosh County in office on January 1, 2006. The sitting chief magistrate shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act.

**SECTION 3.**

The governing authority of McIntosh County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.